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In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2004, Applicant hereby elects to pursue the Group I claims (Claims 1-18) without traverse.

An Office Action on the merits of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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